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In re Application of:

Gunter NEEF et al.

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Serial No.: 10/031,198

Examiner: Barbara P. Badio

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Title: NOVEL C-19-HALOGEN-SUBSTITUTED STEROIDS OF THE ANDROST-9(11)-ENE-SERIES, METHODS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF

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COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Notice of Allowance mailed 16 April 2004. With respect to the Examiner's comments, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 13 was amended only to correct Formula I, and that Formula Ia as depicted by the paper mailed 13 February 2004 is correct. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 13.

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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